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INTERBODY FUSION DEVICE	)	
AND METHOD FOR	)	
RESTORATION OF NORMAL	)	
SPINAL ANATOMY	)	

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant  
the following references, which are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of  
these references are also enclosed.

<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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It is believed that Applicants' invention described and claimed in the accompanying application is distinguishable and patentable over these references. Consideration and substantive examination of this application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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